

2009 TRAFFIC DIVISION REPORT

In 2009 the Police Department investigated 1,195 automobile crashes, which is an 11% decrease in total crashes for the city from the number investigated in 2008. The department saw a 15% decrease in Property Damage crashes during the year, and a 6% decrease in Personal Injury crashes which resulted in 19 less people being injured in 2009 as compared to 2008. The department investigated one fatality crash in 2009, which occurred at SR 26 and N. River Rd. that involving a pedestrian.

The Police Department participated in the Operation Pull Over Awareness Program which is funded by the Governor's Council on Impaired and Dangerous Driving in 2009. During the year officers on the department worked 899 hours of extra patrol funded by the Governor's Council. Officers worked 220 hours dedicated to identifying and removing impaired and dangerous drivers from the roadways. During these hours worked the officers made 41 criminal arrests with 31 arrests being for operating while intoxicated. The department conducted one sobriety check point during the year which was held during the spring. The total number of arrests made for operating while intoxicated by officers of the department was 172, which is the same number of arrest as the previous year.

During the year, the department also conducted a special enforcement program designed specifically to address pedestrian safety issues in the city and at the newly installed mid-block crossings. The focus of this program was to increase awareness of motorists of the law requiring them to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk.

Our goal for 2010 will be to maintain a high visibility and enforcement in the area of the city, which is designated as schools zones. We will conduct focused patrols at locations that are identified has high crash areas in an attempt to reduce the number of crashes at these locations. We will respond to citizen's concerns with extra enforcement in problem areas to improve traffic safety. Our goal is to have high officer visibility to increase public awareness, which we believe will reduce criminal activity in the city and make the roadways safer for the motoring public.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Leroux, Captain

TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT DIVISION
YEAR END REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2009

CRASH COMPARISON FOR 2008 & 2009
(Year to Date Figures)

	2008	2009	UP	DOWN	%
TOTAL	1343	1195		148	11%
PD UNDER 1,000.00	246	223		23	9%
PROPERTY DAMAGE	753	642		111	15%
PERSONAL INJURY	158	148		10	6%
PERSONS INJURED	195	176		19	10%
FATALITY	0	1	1		100%
PERSONS KILLED	0	1	1		100%
ALCOHOL RELATED	33	33			0%

MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN'S ACTIVITIES:

Maintained city signs and signals as needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Leroux, Captain
Traffic Commander

